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NEWS BRIEFS

Yard Goats Dance Team Auditions on Sunday, January 5

Auditions for the 2020 Yard Goats Dance Team will be held at Dunkin' Donuts Park in Downtown Hartford starting at 9:00 am on Sunday, January 5. The auditions will be conducted by Hartford's award-winning Studio8Sixty. Youth dancers ages 10-18 are welcome to try out; no registration is necessary. Participants are asked to please come in sweat pants and sneakers. The Hartford Yard Goats Dance Team is a program of the Yard Goats Foundation, the club's non-profit organization dedicated to providing social, educational, and scholarship opportunities for youths. Participants should enter Dunkin' Donuts Park through the YG Entrance, which is on the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets. The auditions will take place inside the YG Club at the second level of Dunkin' Donuts Park.

Curbside Christmas Tree Collection Starts Jan. 6

The City of Hartford will be collecting discarded Christmas trees left at curbside beginning Monday, January 6. Trees, which are not classified as bulky waste, will be picked up on your regular trash day. For more information, call Hartford 311, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

MARG Meets January 9

The Maple Avenue Revitalization Group (MARG) will hold its monthly meeting at 6 pm on Thursday, January 9, in the lower level of St. Augustine Church, 10 Campfield Avenue, Hartford. There will be a discussion of public safety in the neighborhood and a presentation by John S. Philip, City of Hartford Tax Assessor. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call MARG President Hyacinth Yennie at 860-296-5543.

Local Historian to Discuss the Easton Family on January 14

Join local activist and community historian, Steve Thornton, as he explores the remarkable Easton family on Tuesday, January 14, at 12 noon, at Connecticut's Old State House, 700 Main Street, Downtown Hartford. The Eastons were a very prominent and distinguished African-American family in Hartford in the 19th century, but their story was nearly lost due to prejudice and neglect. The first members

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Happy Holidays from the South End Seniors

On Thursday, December 19, the South End Wellness Senior Center (SESWC) on Maple Avenue held their annual Holiday Party. Some of the SEWSC members and staff who attended the event are shown above. The SEWSC offers movies, Tai Chi classes, sewing groups, outings to different restaurants, ceramic classes, knitting classes, exercise classes, computer room, pool table, birthday celebrations, bingo and a library. To join, call (860) 757-0840. (Hart photos)

Three Kings Day Parade Set for January 6



where a festival will be held at the Arroyo Center. The festival will feature camel rides, toy give-aways, photo opportunities with the kings, a raffle and cultural dances.

The Spanish American Merchants Association (SAMA), the Park Street Special Services District and the Institute for Hispanic Families at Catholic Charities will host Hartford's annual Three Kings Day Parade and Festival on Monday, January 6. The parade, complete with the three kings riding their camels, will start shortly after 10 am from 95 Park Street. It will continue up Park Street to Pope Park,

Hartford...Once Upon a Time



Hartford was once dotted with medium-sized chain grocery stores, like First National on Blue Hills Avenue, Mott's on Albany Avenue and (shown above), the A&P in the strip mall at the corner of Marshall Street and Farmington Avenue. Most closed up in the 1970s and 1980s as larger larger markets became the norm. The Farmington Avenue A&P was briefly a food co-op, but is now occupied by a dollar store and a liquor shop. Hartford's only major food market is the Super Stop & Shop on New Park Avenue, and Save-A-Lot on Main Street and Park Street. From 1915 to 1975, A&P (officially The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company) was the largest grocery chain in the United States. After years of decline, the company finally closed down in 2015. (Asylum Hill Ink photo)

EVELYN RENEE RICHARDSON: TRIBUTE TO A HARTFORD LIFE FORCE

BY ANNE GOSHIDIGIAN

"First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win"

To tell the full story and chart the life journey of Evelyn Richardson, who passed away unexpectedly at the too-young age of 54 on the Winter Solstice, one could easily fill all eight pages of this newspaper. Evelyn was first and foremost the devoted and adored single mother of seven—four daughters and three sons—and the beloved grandmother of ten. That was the inner circle surrounding her, the heart of it all, and it blossomed out to include her siblings, parents, nieces, nephews, and cousins, as well as the spouses of all of the above. Her open, warm, and accepting personality was magnetic and engendered hundreds of strong friendships across the spectrum.



"Ev" was truly interested in everyone and everything, and people sought out her wisdom, advice, and opinions. If someone was in need, somehow she always managed to be there for them—always willing to give her time and energy and love. She was a woman of grace, of learning, and of delicious humor, always seeking a better way. But her strength also meant she was a warrior for the "greater good", with a strong belief that benefit to the community as a whole must come before benefit to the individual. That is how Hartford knew her, and how she will be remembered.

The road wasn't always a smooth one for Evelyn. From childhood on nothing came easy and resources were often scarce. She persevered through the hard times and eventually prevailed. She had a clear mission: Ev wanted to support women and families in their endeavors towards improving the quality of their personal, professional, and community life, and founded the organization Daughters of Eve. That group has hosted many events throughout the years: summer

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What’s All This Talk About Economic Development?

The Hartford News wants to hear from you!

BY DONNA SWARR

Most people who live in Hartford shrug their shoulders when the topic of economic development comes up. We do go downtown for some restaurants, entertainment, and public functions, but it isn’t where most of us live, work, or shop. Our NRZs are required to prepare a development plan every ten years, but many residents don’t know what that involves or how it affects them.

According to Market Business News, economic development is defined as policies that are intended to accelerate the rate of growth of per capita income in a designated area. Once an economic development plan is put forth, policies, which can become ordinances, are created to facilitate the goals.

In December, the incoming City Council announced that one of their first actions will be to create an ad-hoc committee to increase revenue in the form of property taxes via economic development. They will look at ways to grow the grand list and help small businesses. This ad-hoc committee will include the City Council, the Mayor, Treasurer, the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, Hartford Economic Development Corporation, Spanish-American Merchants Association, the Hartford delegation to the State

legislature, and the Minority Construction Council. A longstanding development philosophy is that you grow out from a center of success. But the question from the majority of Hartford residents is: Will this ad-hoc effort expand beyond the downtown area? Economic development in our neighborhoods would include helping small businesses, ensuring sufficient and decent housing, transportation options, community centers, and local parks. Over the past five years, there have been several projects bordering on downtown, but very few outside of downtown. They include Albany & Farmington Avenue streetscapes, the Swift Factory, the Parkville Market food court, apartments at Park & Main, Dunkin’ Donuts Park, Dillon Stadium, and the Noble gas station, convenience store, and apartments on Buckingham Street.

If you have ideas or suggestions for economic development projects in your neighborhood, you can share your ideas with The Hartford News. We will be publishing them and sharing them with the ad-hoc committee. You can email them to hartfordnews@aol.com, or go to Hartford News-Southside Media on Facebook. There you’ll find a survey form fill out. If you submit via email be sure to include your neighborhood.

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Letter to the Editor

Bill of Rights Day

On December 15, 2019, the United States of America celebrated National and International Bill of Rights Day. Since 1941, by proclamation of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, U.S. officials and citizens have been called upon to respect and observe December 15 as Bill of Rights Day. The flag is displayed on our public buildings, and religious and civic events called to honor the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution, which have become known as the Bill of Rights.

These specific amendments place limits on government power and were introduced by James Madison, who later became the 4th president of the United States. Madison originally proposed 12 amendments. The first was never approved, the second became part of the Constitution itself and the remaining 10 became amendments.

These ten amendments outline some of the most essential rights claimed by all Americans, such as freedom of worship, freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

For instance, the First Amendment states, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” The famous second amendment is often used to argue against gun control laws. It states: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

George Washington ordered 14 copies of the Bill of Rights to be made, one for the U.S. Congress and one for each of the 13 original states. The one delivered to Congress is now displayed in the rotunda of the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Jewel Miller-Ellison

Baby Grand Jazz Series Starts Sunday

The Baby Grand Jazz Series at Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street, Hartford will start 17th season this Sunday, January 5. Free Baby Grand Jazz performances will be held every Sunday through April 26 (except for Easter Sunday, April 19th), from 3 – 4 pm (doors open at 2 pm).

2020 Schedule

Jan. 5	Darrell Green Sextet
Jan. 12	Ed Fast & Conga Bop
Jan. 19	Dakota Austin Quintet
Jan. 26	Saskia Laroo Band
Feb. 2	Matt Chasen's "This Is Our Music" Ensemble
Feb. 9	The Unity Quintet
Feb. 16	Emilio Solla Tributango
Feb. 23	Nathan Davis Sextet
March 1	Ron Smith Quintet
March 8	The Afro-Semitic Experience
March 15	Iris Ormig Quintet
March 22	Haneef N. Nelson Quintet
March 29	Ricky Alfonso Group
April 5	Envisage Collective
April 12	Easter (No concert)
April 19	The Joe Carter Samba Rio Quarteto
April 26	TAEKO



Politically Speaking

A Fresh Look at Issues Facing our Region & State

BY MIKE MCGARRY

Celebrating the Life, Times and Music of Nat Reeves

What a wonderful time at the Wadsworth Atheneum’s Aetna Theater Monday Night as First Night 2020 presented “The Life, Times and Music of Nat Reeves.” Nat, a long-time Hartford resident, is known all over the world as one of the greatest jazz bassists of his generation and it’s about time he got some recognition right here in the capital city.

It all started at Moe’s Midtown, the popular breakfast and lunch spot in the West End. As a side note, if you want to see, meet or just chat with local politicians, old hands, public servants, UConn law students and more, grab a booth at Moe’s.

Anyhow, my conversation with Nat turned to his world travels as a musical ambassador. From the Great Wall of China to the pubs of Ireland, from South America to Japan, Nat has spread the word of the wonderful music being learned and performed at the University of Hartford’s Hartt School of Music.

After hearing of all this, your reporter suddenly said, “Wait, the city of Hartford needs to hear this

story!” That got the ball rolling. First Night 2020 took on the task, the Wadsworth provided the venue and a great night of music and stories was the result. A good crowd turned out for the event, despite the horrible weather, and we listened enthralled



to Nat’s life story and approach to playing and teaching music. For example, Nat said, “I can generally tell how a student will make out by little things...how they dress, how they pick up their instrument.”

Special Thanks to Anita Ford Saunders for interviewing Nat, as well as host Taneisha Douglas and guest speaker Maurice D. Robertson..

Of course there was plenty of great music from Nat’s quintet (Steve Davis, trombone; Josh Bruneau, trumpet; Rick Germanson, piano; Michael Ode, drums; and Nat himself on bass) as well as a tribute band made up of his students (Sarah Hanahan, saxophone; Tony Davis, guitar; Kirk Woodard, drums; and Alex Tremblay, bass).

All in all, a great night for a great man and a great musician!

In My Opinion

2020 Community Party Trayvon Martin Act Bill Language

BY DAVID SAMUELS & MARY SANDERS

Introduction ~ It’s time to take action to stop racial profiling and police containment in Black and Brown communities here in Connecticut. Every 28 hours a Black person is killed somewhere by police, security guards and self-appointed vigilantes like George Zimmerman and Michael Dunn, according to a Malcolm X Grassroots Movement report . <http://www.operationghettostorm.org/> . The veracity of the MXGM report has been disputed. See the Resources section below for a Washington Post editorial on the report, including a rebuttal by the report’s author.

Trayvon Martin was shot and killed in 2012 after being confronted on the street by George Zimmerman, an armed neighborhood watch leader. Zimmerman wanted to be a police officer; our position is that Zimmerman was emboldened by the racist U.S. police culture. Michael David Dunn shot Jordan Davis in 2012 during an argument about loud music. Former Bay Area Rapid Transit police officer Johannes Mehserle murdered Oscar Grant in

2009. See: <http://sfbayview.com/2009/oscar-grant-young-father-and-peacemaker-executed-by-bart-police>. Police in the United States kill at a rate of 70 times more than police in all other ‘first world’ nations. <http://thefreethoughtproject.com/police-kill-citizens-70-times-rate-first-world-nations/> CP’s Trayvon Martin Act is aimed at addressing this public safety crisis.

The Trayvon Martin Act would implement Black community control of the police, and the creation of a legislative task force on police misconduct. The CT legislature passed some of our provisions in 2012 and they were scheduled to go in effect July 1, 2013. Due to political pressure by the police, our traffic stop receipt language was repealed in favor of a version emphasizing electronic data collection and analysis, instead of a copy of the mandated “Traffic Stop Report” going to the motorist. We believe this copy is the only way for motorists to know how their race is being represented and is

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Reclining Seats & Pricy Eats

A boomer reflects on the high cost of movie-going

COMMENTARY BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

When I walked through the entrance of the state-of-the-art new movie theater in Blueback Square, the first thing I noticed was the bar. A mirror-backed fully stocked bar. The second thing that gave me pause was that there wasn't a box office; no ticket-seller. But there were a couple of ATM-like structures where I could buy a ticket (if the showing wasn't already sold out) and choose from a display of available seats by inserting my credit card. Fortunately, Donna and I didn't have to actually purchase our tickets as we had press comp codes in our phones courtesy of the theater's parent company, but we still required the assistance of a staffer to enter those codes before the kiosk spit out our two tickets. Seats D-4 and D-5 for the 5 p.m. showing of "Bombshell" were ours, gratis, which otherwise would have cost us \$25. This was good.

We found our wide, well-padded reclining seats. On the right-hand side of each was a sort of tray table like the ones that come with school desks, as well as a cup holder and a bound 6-page menu. The movie palace has a full kitchen and waiters come over and crouch down to take your order. Let's take a look at that menu: What says "movie" more than popcorn? There it is—a small popcorn with butter is \$7.25; with butter "light" it's 50 cents more. How about some soda to go with that popcorn? You can get a small Coke for \$5.45. Craving candy? You know those theater-size boxes of Junior Mints, Sour Patch Kids, and Milk Duds that go for \$1.00 at Family Dollar and Stop & Shop? They're

\$5.75 each here. The most amusing but still mind-boggling items were on the "Kids Menu" (ages 12 and under). Each of the four choices such as the kid-friendly favorite--chicken fingers--comes with a small fountain drink and choice of apple wedges or fries. That's a Happy Meal, folks, but with an \$11.50 price tag. A lone hot dog with your choice of the usual condiments will run you \$9.50; \$2 extra if you want cheese on that. And please don't forget to tip your server. I did the math: If

a two adults-two kids family of four takes in a show and each person consumes a small popcorn, small soda, and a box of candy (no booze and no meals), factoring in the cost of tickets, that's \$116—before the tip. I'll go out on a limb here and say that a family of

four—with some judicious shopping—could eat pretty well for a week on \$116.

I went to Saturday double-feature movie matinees pretty much every weekend during the Stone-Age years, mid-1950s-mid-1960s, usually at the Lyric Theater on Park Street in Frog Hollow. I had a dollar (\$1). A ticket was 35 cents, small popcorn 25 cents, small soda 15 cents, and full size candy 10 cents. I could get all of that and even with two candy choices (Jujubes and Sno-Caps) still have change from the buck.

You can stop laughing now, and I'll concede the "Okay, Boomer". But seriously—how many average families can afford today's prices for a 90-minute show and some modest extras?

Typical markups on movie theater concessions

(Gross profit) / (Cost of goods sold)

Popcorn		
	Sale price: \$7.99 COGS: \$0.90	788%
Soda		
	Sale price: \$5.99 COGS: \$0.91	558%
Candy		
	Sale price: \$4.79 COGS: \$1.16	313%

You Say You Want a Resolution...

COMMENTARY BY TOM SWARR

I was never too big on New Year's resolutions. Having turned 70 in November, I have no illusions about becoming a better person based on a couple of January promises. But we have a newly elected City Council that we can hope will become a better City Council. So, my resolution is to pay more attention to City Council resolutions. The workings of the Council are reported under the headings Communications, Reports, Actions, and Resolutions. A review of 2019 Council meetings, and ignoring Communications and Reports, revealed the Council completed 63 Actions and 68 Resolutions. My review also revealed I have much to learn about the workings of city government!

Of the 63 Actions, 8 were to withdraw the item under consideration. Most common actions were additions or amendments to city ordinances (20 actions) or appointments to boards and commissions (15 actions). But most notable might be the "Actions" that did not result in action. There were a number of items that were on the agenda for every Council meeting from January through December and that were repeatedly postponed. Four different items were related to the use of drones and surveillance technology. One of these was simply a report back to the full Council by the Legislative Affairs Committee. What is so controversial about accepting a report while you argue about the merits of the recommended resolutions? The key point to me is not whether or not I agree with the proposed resolution. Another item repeatedly postponed was a proposal to modify residency requirements for all Mayor and Council appointees and "unclassified" city employees. I think this is a bad policy. Given the high turnover in the present administration, I would not advise adding any potential barriers to recruiting replacements. But there were public hearings, and if this policy is the voice of the people and the decision of the Council, why shouldn't the policy be implemented? Or at least voted on? Or at least the reason for the postponement being transparently communicated to residents? I resolve to be more diligent in asking for the explanation

in 2020.

Items under Council Resolutions are often referred to committee, and then sent back to the full Council for action. These range from meaningless feel-good resolutions, such as supporting the continued investigation and impeachment of the U.S. President; or asking state or federal officials to take some action, such as opposing the increase in size or weight of trucks allowed on Connecticut highways. Yet there are many that seem worthwhile that may be in process somewhere, but I am unaware of any substantive action. For example, a resolution requesting that the Department of Health and Human Services perform a social determinant of health impact study of neighborhoods to determine which have been heavily impacted and provide recommendations. I'm not really sure what a social determinant of health impact study is but it sounds interesting enough that I would like to hear more.

A resolution requesting the establishment of a task force to explore the feasibility of Hartford hosting its own ambulance services is another interesting idea that at least warrants a response for rejecting the idea. Or a resolution requesting the Council work with the Tax Collector's office to develop a plan to recover uncollected taxes from the highest debtors. So, was there any follow-up by the Council?

I am still a bit fuzzy on when resolutions are reported under the Actions heading or the Resolutions section. At the November 25th meeting, a resolution to create a harm reduction center to provide comprehensive services to residents struggling with addiction was withdrawn under Actions and passed by consent under Resolutions. I found no item where this was referred to committee or reported back to Council. Does it make a difference if the vote was listed under Actions instead of Resolutions?

I resolve to work with the Council to develop a plan to better communicate the workings of the Council and how items track through committees (or not) and end up as Actions or Resolutions.



REMEMBERING THE HOMELESS

Andrew May (right) places a candle on the Grave of the Unknown at the Ancient Bury Ground following the annual National Homeless Persons' Memorial at Center Church on Saturday, December 21. The service is held throughout the nation on the longest night of the year; the Winter Solstice. The names of the 35 homeless people who died in Hartford in the past year were read out during the service. Those who passed included Shannon Allen, Billy Buie, Mark Carnnell, Angela Catanzaro, Roy Cline, Keith Closs, Thomas Crabb, Jahvunique Dean, Elvis Selgado, Richard Ferris, Steven Fogelson, Lori Frauenheim, Diane Gaskell, John Gooden, Roman Jarisz, Milton Johnson, Joseph Kirk, Gregory Knighton, Nicholas Lambo, Richerd Langer, Brandon Martin, Toni Luis Mercado, George Moore, Oscar Ortega, Alexander Pagan-Quintero, Brian Quinn, Ravin Rampertab, James Riley, Deckland Sorroto, Sean Snyder, Richerd Truitt and Herman Woods. (Hart photo)



Santa Visits New Britain Avenue

On Wednesday, December 18, Connecticut Pediatrics at CHC, 76 New Britain Avenue, Hartford, held their annual Holiday Party for clients and neighborhood children. Santa Claus greeted dozens of youngsters at the event, including Jasmine Velez (above). (Hart photo)



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ASYLUM HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

From the
Executive Director
BY DAVID MACDONALD

AHNA wishes you and your family a happy New Year. Our first General neighborhood meeting of 2020 will take place on Monday, January 6th at 6:15pm at the 224 EcoSpace on Farmington Avenue. Last month's meeting was cancelled due to a winter storm. The agenda for January includes presentations on the renovation of the campus of St. Joseph's Cathedral, in addition to the standing items such as public safety report, committee reports, and Voices of our Neighborhood.

The Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association's mission statement is that AHNA empowers and connects residents and stakeholders to improve the quality of life in Asylum Hill. Our Strategic Plan has 4 high-level objectives. We will begin 2020 with a review of these objectives and an updating of our Strategic Plan:

1. Increase Public Awareness of AHNA and increase AHNA's capacity to accomplish our mission;
2. Economic Development – Asylum Hill will have a vibrant small business district on Farmington Ave and will experience economic development throughout the neighborhood that produces jobs, prevents blight and creates a sense of community;
3. Public Safety – Asylum Hill will be a safe, pedestrian friendly and inviting neighborhood and will be perceived as such;
4. Education – Asylum Hill will have an array of high quality schools and job training resources.

We need your help to update our Strategic Plan. If you are interested in helping any of those goals to become reality, then please attend Monday's meeting to sign up for one of the Working Groups. You will also be able to sign up for the work groups on our website, but we encourage you to attend our General Meeting so that you can sign up and meet your neighbors who are also interested. AHNA is gearing up for a major effort on updating and implementing our Strategic Plan. We need your help and input, so please join us on Monday to learn more.

We invite all our partners, stakeholders and residents to attend the General Meeting on January 6th and to help us launch our new year of activity for 2020 with a focus on updating our Strategic Plan and our efforts to revitalize Farmington Avenue in conjunction with the Farmington Avenue Alliance.



AH Then & Now - Woodland St. at Asylum Ave.

This photo is from the Library of Congress and beneath it is the caption "Woodland Street – looking north from Asylum Avenue One of Hartford's most charming residential streets." With a column of what look like elm trees on the right side and a little bit of the Goodwin estate which accounted for most of the western side of Woodland St left, we can only imagine the other beautiful homes that lined this street. According to the 1921 map of Hartford there were more than a dozen on both sides of Woodland all the way to Sargeant St.



Spectrum in Motion –Polar Express



Spectrum in Motion, the community dance company that has been "raising dancers and building community" for 38 years decided to do something different this year. They produced a new ballet based on the Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg. It was performed on the stage in Drew Hall at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, where they have taken up residency. Many families brought the children for whom the story was meant, and they led the way in expressing enjoyment.

Brian Thompson served as the narrator, and more than 60 young dancers told the story in movement and dance in six scenes. They began with The Train, brought everyone All Aboard and then took The Journey. The Elves, The First Gift and The North Pole were each



played as separate scenes, and each scene expressed the feeling of the story.

As the audience members entered the hall each was given a small bell to ring at the appropriate moment, and when the time came they did. It was a delightful sound.

When the performance was over everyone was treated to hot chocolate and cookies, the latter all baked by Thulani Davis, clearly a woman of many talents. More photos can be seen at <http://bit.ly/SIMPolarexp>

Exploring Asylum Hill – Churches Pt. 2

As we continue to explore the various faith communities that are or have been here in Asylum Hill, we are finding more and more. For example, while the sign for Mohammed Mosque #14 was up above the door at 248 Farmington Ave for many years, they moved to 2550 Main St about four years ago, and were replaced by Masjid Salam, but more on that in a future article.

This month we'll spend a little more time looking into both the Myanmar Baptist Church of Connecticut and also First Calvary Church Hartford. Both of them share space at Grace Lutheran Church, and they have recently begun a tradition of worshipping together on the 5th Sunday of the month whenever there is one. December 29th was the most recent.

It was an especially lively experience as it seemed that each of the three communities served as host to the other two as well as guest. The music as well as the prayers and even the sermons were given by each of the three pastors.

Pastor Kremer began the service by reminding all present of the bib-



lical command to "take care of the foreigners and the poor" reminding them that all are equal in the eyes of God.

Each Pastor had the opportunity speak and pray in the way that they customarily do for their community, and it seemed that all enjoyed the diversity as well as the commonality of their traditions. Pastor Holloway accompanied by his musicians, Ray Brown on piano and Randy Calloway on base, delivers passionate prayers with the music adding emphasis. Dale Eberhardt, Grace's long time

organist contributed the majestic accompaniment to several of the hymns, and everyone sang along.

Jesus' often quoted promise "wherever two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst" seemed to apply even more to three communities.

It was especially telling at the time of the offering as each congregation had a separate basket into which those who chose could contribute their offering, many contributed into all of them.

For photos of the service go to <http://bit.ly/grace3comm>

Ivorian Ambassador Visits Asylum Hill

Early in December, Georges Annan Kingsley received a phone call from the Ivorian Consulate in New York. It seems that Ambassador Capet Bakou and vice consul Aboui wanted to come to Hartford for a visit. On a recent trip back to Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) earlier this year Georges had connected with some government officials with the idea of improving trade between the US and Cote d'Ivoire. Now that Georges is a US citizen, he can return to his country of birth with a US passport, a decided advantage.

Capet Bakou the Consul General (as ambassadors are titled in Cote d'Ivoire) and Vice consul Aboui along with their driver arrived for their 2-day stay on Thursday the 5th, and visited with Georges and his family that evening.

With only a few days to arrange an itinerary, Georges turned to fellow AHNA board members and staff to welcome his distinguished guests. To complicate matters even more, they both wanted to meet with the other Ivorians in the area.

While Georges was scheduling



that, Jennifer Cassidy, an AHNA board member and good friend of Georges, was able to schedule a visit with Thea Montanez, Mayor Bronin's Chief of Staff. The mayor, unfortunately was out of town.

While we would have liked to have had our guests meet with Megan Clark Torrey, the Executive Director of the World Affairs Council of Connecticut, especially because that weekend was the annual Model United Nations at the University of Hartford, it was not to be. However, they were able to spend the morning visiting both

the Mark Twain House and the Harriet Beecher Stowe House, both of which they found very informative and enjoyable. The morning concluded with a luncheon in the Mark Twain carriage house organized by David MacDonald, AHNA's Executive Director, and attended by five of AHNA's board members.

What all of this means, we don't yet know, but Georges is now in Cote d'Ivoire with Consul General Capet Bakou. Hopefully we'll hear good news when he returns.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

AKEVA KOULLA

Akeva's path to volunteering is both interesting and telling. She lives in Asylum Hill, very near West Middle School, but her schooling began at Jumoke Academy and then after 4th grade, through the Open Choice Program continued in the Avon Schools where she is now a high school sophomore. She first tutored at West Middle School last year as part of the "Youth on Fire" program through Emmanuel Lutheran Church, where she was the only young student tutor. She had a total of 8 students ranging from grades 4-8.

Now she is a part of a program called Tutoring in The City. She is one of nearly 30 volunteers from Avon High School, and has just one student, a first grader. She is also the only tutor volunteer from Hartford.



return with many of her classmates to tutor so near her home.

Tutoring isn't the only volunteering that she does, but perhaps the most regular. She also participates in a UNICEF sponsored program at Avon High School called "Shots for Shots." It's a fundraiser for immunizations, where sponsors donate money based on the number of baskets a student can complete in 30 seconds. Kind of like a walk-a-thon, only more intense. Akeva isn't a basketball player, but she helps to organize the program.

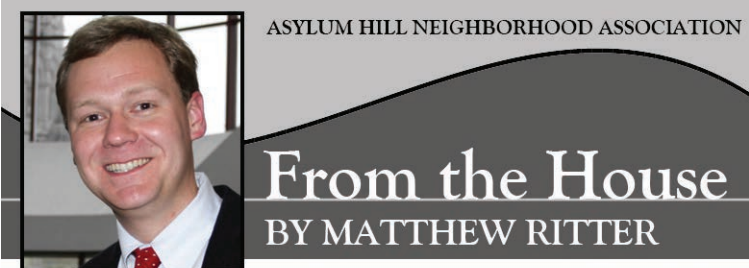
When I asked her what she got from volunteering she said, "I don't really get *anything*, out of it, I just do it because I like helping others. If I get anything, I get happiness, and pleasure [just] from doing it."

Last year's students were older, but this year her first grader is a bit different. When she first gets there she wants to go home, and when it's time to go, she wants to stay longer.

As for recommending volunteering to others she said, "In my opinion I feel you should help out others who can't really help out them-

selves. So if you have an opportunity to do something and you know you're good at it, or you have the capability of doing it, [to] better someone's life and help them out in the long run, {you should}."

Certainly words to live by.



Extreme cold is a yearly reality in New England. Dropping temperatures can be downright dangerous for people who may be struggling to pay their rent, mortgage or even heating bills. Below is some information, which may be helpful during these winter months:

The City of Hartford has an overnight warming center at the old Vine Street School in the Upper Albany neighborhood. There is also a battery of centers available during the day when necessary.

List of Daytime Warming Centers

- Hartford Public Library, Downtown Branch, 500 Main St. and its branches.
- South End Wellness Center, 830 Maple Ave.
- North End Senior Center, 80 Coventry St.
- Parkville Senior Center, 11 New Park Ave.
- Hispanic Health Council, 175 Main St.
- Hispanic Senior Center, 45 Wadsworth St.
- Family Overflow Shelter for Women and Children: Salvation Army Shelter, 255

South Marshall Street: Open 24 hours a day 7 days per week

Additional services during cold weather can be found by calling the state's 2-1-1 Infoline. If you know someone who is having trouble paying their heating bills, make sure they know about the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program and emergency heating repair through Rebuilding Together Hartford.

Connecticut Energy Assistance Program

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) is designed to help offset the winter heating costs of Connecticut's lower income households. This program is administered by the Department of Social Services and coordinated by CRT in Hartford.

Emergency Heating Repair

Hartford homeowners in need of emergency repair to heat or hot water can contact Rebuilding Together Hartford's Emergency Home Repair program. The program helps homeowners get their heat back on and working safely.

Please contact me at Matthew.Ritter@cga.ct.gov, or by phone at (800) 842-1902, if you have any questions or concerns.

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Akeva Koulla

It's more than a little ironic that she leaves Hartford each morning to attend school in Avon, only to

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In My Opinion

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a proven factor in undetected biased policing. We sat in on testimony of dozens of motorists of color from around the state who were stopped, harassed, given tickets with race recorded as White, and heard of many other biased law enforcement actions.

Problem: Drivers do not get a copy of the Stop Report which has allowed some officers to lie about the race of the people they stop. Some victims of profiling may not complain because they don't know officers are covering up the profiled stops. As we mentioned previously our traffic stop language was passed by lawmakers in 2012 but was repealed due to pressure by the police before it was scheduled to become law in 2013.

Add to current law: 1) "Traffic Stop Reports are to be filled out in duplicate so that each motorist receives a copy of the completed form from the officer, in addition to any ticket or summons if one is issued. 2) The copy of the report should be given to the driver as well

as the information on filing complaints if motorists believe they have been profiled. 3) If the reports are entered into an electronic data collection system a copy will be immediately available to the detained driver."

Problem: U.S. police kill at a rate of 70 times more than police in all other 'first world' nations. A disproportionate number are Black, Latinx and Indigenous people. At least half had some type of disability. Urban community residents have no say in how their neighborhoods are policed. Gov. Ned Lamont and the Connecticut General Assembly would work with the mayor and city council in Hartford, New Haven and Bridgeport to implement community control of the police, based on the Chicago Alliance Against Racial and Political Repression model. Visit the CAARPR website for details.

Visit the <https://www.caarpr.org/>
Read the full Trayvon Martin Act bill language on our No Sellout blog.<https://hendu39.wordpress.com/2019/12/27/2020-community-party-trayvon-martin-act-bill-language/>

CITY OF HARTFORD
JANUARY 2, 2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING/
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SESSIONS
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City of Hartford shall conduct two Public Hearing/Technical Assistance Sessions to give an overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs, and their regulatory requirements, and to provide program application assistance and answer any questions. These meetings will be held as follows:

Session #1 Parker Memorial Recreation Center 2621 Main Street Tues., January 7, 2020 - 1:30PM (Snow Date - Thurs, January 9, 2020 – 1:30pm)	Session #2 Hartford Public Library Main Branch 500 Main Street, Center for Contemporary Culture, 1st Floor Tues., January 7, 2020 – 5:30PM (Snow Date – Thurs, January 9, 2020 – 5:30pm)
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These meetings are open to the public. It is strongly suggested that organizations intending to apply for funding have a representative attend one of the sessions.

Applications will be available starting on Monday, January 6, 2020, on the Central Grants website at <http://www.hartford.gov/grants/nofa>. Written instructions for the application, and all necessary forms, will also be available.

Completed, signed applications will be due at the Office of Central Grants Administration, City Hall, 550 Main Street, Room 302, Hartford CT 06103, no later than 3:00 pm on Thursday, February 13, 2020.

The City of Hartford also invites citizens and other interested parties to attend the following community meetings on the development of the 2021-2025 Five Year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG):

Southwest/ Behind the Rocks NRZ Goodwin Library, 460 New Britain Ave. Tues., January 14, 2020 – 6:00pm	South Downtown NRZ South Congregational Church, 277 Main St. Wed, January 15, 2020 – 6:00pm
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The City has also made several documents available for public review including the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), and the 2019-2020 Annual Plan, at the City Hall Office of Central Grants Administration, 550 Main Street, Room 302, Hartford. The documents are also available on the City's web site at www.hartford.gov/grants/plans.

For questions please contact Walter Drost at (860)757-9278 or droswo02@hartford.gov. This Public Notice is available in alternative formats upon request.

Evelyn Richardson

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camp and back-to-school cookouts for kids, women's groups, bible studies, community gardening, and other opportunities for enrichment. Her other passion was activism and advocacy, and she became a fighter for causes both large and small. An eloquent speaker, Ev could often be found standing before the city council, the mayor, and other officials laying out the issues that were negatively impacting Hartford residents, asking for answers and seeking action. When they pushed back, so did she—firmly but respectfully; she never backed down from a challenge. It was a pleasure to watch her and hear her at the microphone. Like all good activists, she worried the powers-that-be and some of them labeled her a troublemaker, but she wore that title like a badge of honor. In truth, she was a person who earned great respect, and the city posthumously awarded her family a proclamation praising her for her accomplishments and dedication to the betterment of Hartford.

Keeping that momentum going, a few years ago Evelyn embraced her creative side, and as a talented and natural-born artisan, she took up crocheting and quickly became an expert at it. She had a designer's eye and turned yarns into innova-

tive and gorgeous pieces of wearable art. That led to the formation of Black Power Wear (BPWear) by Eve's Designs; a cottage industry was born. She also embraced healthy eating, and created beautiful meals and salads from her bountiful garden. Ever busy, and always both learner and teacher, she was constantly reading and studying—the political, the spiritual, the strong, proud black feminist—and sharing her discoveries and philosophies on social media. About a year ago, she began putting down her thoughts and her history with the idea of turning it into a memoir, one that she hoped would help other women who faced challenges like her own. At the time of her death it had already topped 16,000 words.

She worked hard to provide for her loved ones, and determined that they would have better lives than she'd had, she encouraged their dreams and goals. She was the glue that held the family, both nuclear and extended, together. Evelyn, resourceful as always, found ways to provide the "extras" for her children and grandchildren—vacations, camps, projects, and of course—education. Her Facebook page reveals that just two days before she passed, she'd happily volunteered to chaperone a granddaughter's school field trip—a

geology hunt for native Connecticut rocks--and posted photos of the day. On December 14th, she was the proud mom attending her daughter's commencement from CCSU; in one photo, a serenely smiling Ev rests her head on her child's shoulder. Another goal achieved: life was good.

Evelyn Renee Richardson had a great love for Hartford, always strived to make it the best it could be, and that had become her life's work. The shock and grief at the news of her passing while in the prime of life reverberated throughout the city. Acceptance was difficult, and especially so for her family. At her celebration of life last week, several of them spoke movingly about all she had done for them, and the sacrifices she'd made. Hearts were heavy in the packed church. Yet by the end of the service, there was a spirit of hope and joy for a life well-lived and a woman well-loved. And there are those determined to continue her work—to take up the cause for the greater good of Hartford and its people. As her children wrote, "She will be remembered in high regard and missed by all who have been in the presence of her earthly light."

She was one-of-a-kind; irreplaceable, inspirational, and unforgettable. May her spirit soar gracefully.

News Briefs

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of the Easton family arrived in 1833 as free people from Massachusetts. Reverend Hosea Easton became the first African American minister to lead Hartford's original Black church. Reverend Easton's multi-talented son Sampson followed the family's anti-slavery tradition with bold acts of courage. Grandson and namesake Hosea became a world-famous musician and actor.

Art Exhibit Opening
Jan. 10 at Library

Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street, Downtown Hartford, will host an opening reception for its new ArtWalk exhibit, Alexandra Wahl's "Quilts in a New Light," from 5:30 - 7:30 pm on Friday, January 10. The ArtWalk is located on the third floor of the library. Admission is free and open to the public. The exhibit will be on display on the ArtWalk

through February 23.

City of Hartford
Career Fair Jan. 18

On Saturday, January 18, the City of Hartford will host a Career Fair from 11 am - 2 pm at City Hall, 550 Main Street, Downtown Hartford. Representatives from numerous city departments, including Police & Fire Departments, Development Services, Finance, Public Works, Human Resources, and Health & Human Services, Management & Budget, will be on hand to discuss career opportunities.

Rapid Fire Double
Dutch Competition
January 25

The JADHA Foundation/CT Double Dutch will host a Rapid Fire Double Dutch Jump-Rope Competition on Saturday, January 25. Check-in begins at 11 am; the competition will

start at 12:30 pm. The event will be held at the Wilson Gray YMCA Youth and Family Center, 444 Albany Avenue, Hartford. Registration fees are \$10 for unattached teams; \$15 twin speed and novice teams; \$20 single and double teams; \$15 for unattached jumpers (Open Division/College); and \$15 for unattached jumpers (Old School/Seasoned 30 & up). For more information, call Lady Carrie McCrory, 860-424-2971 or email Mrsccarriem@gmail.com. The competition is part of the JADHA Foundation's effort to revive the sport of Double Dutch in Hartford. The city was once home of several world champions.

City Tax Amnesty
Program Ends
January 31

The City of Hartford has announced a Fee Relief Program for delinquent personal property and motor vehicle taxes, which will run through Jan. 31, 2020. During the Program, any taxpayer with outstanding delinquent personal property or motor vehicle tax bills will have all unpaid collection fees waived, as long as the outstanding tax and interest are paid in full. When the Program is not in effect, the city's tax collection agency administers a 15% fee on delinquent personal property or motor vehicle tax bills. Once the Program ends, the City of Hartford's collection agency will enforce the collection of remaining outstanding delinquent personal property and motor vehicle tax bills. There will be no exceptions to the time frame of this Program. If payment is not made by January 31, 2020, the full collection fee of 15% will be due. Call 860-757-9630 if you have any questions.

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3) Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, & for his wonderful works to the children of men! Psalms 107v15

4) Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever. Serve the Lord with gladness. Psalm 100v2

5) Bless the Lord O my Soul and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Psalm 103v1

6) God is greatly feared in the assembly of the saints & to be had in reverence of all them that are about him., Psalm 87v7
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Notice is hereby given that there will be a caucus of all enrolled Republican electors of the Town of HARTFORD on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020 at 100 PEARL STREET, HARTFORD, 6:15 PM to endorse candidates for the Republican Town Committee.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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